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## CELEBRATED SATURDAY

More People Than Were Expected Spent Pleasant Day Here

Keytesville had a Fourth of July celebration on Saturday, July 3.

It was a success too. This is in line with the custom the people have here in regard to celebrations and if the persons who said they had a good time and enjoyed the day, is any criterion, and it usually is, the celebration was a decided success.

It was not a big celebration but all the people who were expected, came and there were more here than were expected owing to the two big celebrations elsewhere in the county and the further fact that farm work right now is brisk.

There was a decided lack of bombast and noise. Hardly a firecracker or noise-producer was to be heard during the day. One reason for the "sane" fourth was that the mayor had interdicted the sale of firecrackers and like explosives and the imports were limited to the fireworks at night.

The morning was quiet. The band played a brief concert and that was all there was before noon. After noon the day was given over to visiting, contests and the band concert. There were plenty of people and they visited while the children had the usual time. In the evening there were fireworks, band concert and balloons were sent up at different times during the day as well. One feature of the afternoon was the contests, which caused more than a little interest and plenty of amusement. One feature was the fast race of Millard Franklin who had the winner beat badly when he fell and tore his trousers, sprained his ankle and likewise damaged himself and lost the race. This race, for 200 pounds and over, only a few entries.

The events as they came and the order in which they were won is as follows:

Best saddle horse, \$5.00—S. F. Hudnall.

Girl's race, \$1.00—One-half prize each to Lola Mae Nix and Guila Cooper.

Best horse colt, \$5.00—Garnett Hyde.

Potato race, \$2.50—First \$1.50 Lee Cuddy; Second \$1.00 to Cecil Ward.

Family coming longest distance \$2.60—Walter Richardson.

Sawing contest for women, \$2.00—Mrs. Tom Carr.

Best boy rider, \$3.00—Lee W. Cuddy.

Best driving horse, \$5.00—Trammel Nix.

Best mule colt, \$5.00—W. B. Oldham.

Apple eating contest, \$1.50—Dred Fennell.

Fat man race, \$2.00—V. S. Rucker.

Free for all race, \$2.00—Shannon Wayland.

Prettiest baby, gold ring—Elizabeth Gosely daughter of Ed Gosely.

### Band Concert Saturday

The announcement of a concert last Saturday night was a mistake. The regular concert was given Thursday on account of the celebration of the Fourth on Saturday. However, this week, the concert is to be given on Saturday night at the Price Park at the usual hour. The concerts here ought to be a drawing card as they are the only band concerts been given in the county this year. The capital is still in the lead.

### Flower—Wallace

At 12 o'clock noon, of Saturday July 3, occurred the wedding of W. H. Flower of St. Louis and Miss Idress Wallace of this place, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace.

The wedding service, the ring ceremony of the Episcopal church was spoken by Rev. Smith, the rector of the Episcopal church at Macon. The bride and groom were unattended during the service. Miss Helen Jennings sang and Mrs. John D. Taylor played the bridal chorus from "Lohengrin".

After congratulations the guest were taken to the dining room where an elaborate lunch was served. At the conclusion of the lunch the bride prepared to go to her new home and as she ascended the landing of the stair threw the bridal bouquet which was caught by Miss Elizabeth White. When the cake was cut Miss Leannah Minter got the thimble and Miss Maud Rucker the dime.

The bride was dressed in white organdie over net trimmed with lace and she carried a bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley.

The home was embellished with flowers, the hall being ornamented with hollyhocks, the dining room with sweet peas and the rest of the house with nasturtiums. The event proved to be one of the prettiest weddings ever witnessed in the social circles of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Flowers, left on the fast train No. 2 at 1 p. m. for St. Louis where the groom has lived and where they will make their future home.

The wedding was witnessed by about 25 persons, relatives and close friends of the family. From out of town there were Miss Jennings, Miss Anna Maria Davis, Mrs. Emma Crawley and J. M. Barker of Brunswick and Mr. and Mrs. Tindall of Salisbury.

The Sunday St. Louis Republic under a Keytesville date line published the following account of the event:

"William Herbert Flower of Auckland, New Zealand, and Miss Idress Craig Wallace were married here today by Rev. Henry Brownlee Smith of Macon. Mrs. Flower is the daughter of Capt. J. C. Wallace an ex-Confederate soldier and an attorney. She has many relatives in St. Louis."

### Grable-Strickland

Sunday, July 27, occurred the marriage of Miss Myrtle Strickland and Frank M. Grable at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. John Brammer at Rothville. They expect to make their future home on a farm four miles north of the Strickland farm.

### Bixby—Cochran

R. C. Bixby of Brunswick and Miss Pauline E. Cochran of Babcock Ga., came to this city and were married at 1 p. m. at the Agee residence by Rev. Haynes pastor of the Baptist church. The groom has been employed in a restaurant at Brunswick and met his bride about a month ago when she came to Brunswick representing a bible publishing company.

### Mrs. Elizabeth Moberly Dead

Mrs. Elizabeth Moberly of Chillicothe Mo. died at the home of her niece Mrs. J. N. Page Thursday morning July 1. She was born in Cynthia, Kentucky 83 years ago. She was the widow of Col. Wm. E. Moberly. Her first husband was Col. Anderson S. Harris. She had been in failing health for several years.

## AUDITOR FILES HIS REPORT WITH THE COUNTY COURT

Auditor John P. Gordon Presents Report in Person. Details of Same Given in Article That Follows

The report of the state auditor accompanied by the state auditor John P. Gordon, himself, was presented to the county court this week and on Wednesday, the auditor was before the court to give what explanation there was possible and needful.

In addition to the auditors there were several attorneys also there for the edification of the court, also the prosecuting attorney. Interlarded in the discussion of the report were strong criminations and recriminations and arraignment of the original decision to have the audit made which was indirectly characterized as a "prejudice" or "political" measure and which resulted in rather strong personalities involving the attorneys present. In fact, the hydra-head of politics and personal malice obtruded itself entirely too much in the discussion of a question that must ultimately result in good to the county if the people take the advantage that is open to them.

The prosecuting attorney opened the statement. He said that the audit originally was made as the result of a petition of over 1200 persons in the county which petition went to the state auditor over the head of the court. The suggestion of politics must be met with the showing of these more than 1200 citizens and it would be difficult to accuse them all of political animus in signing the petition. He said that the officials who were found to owe the county had paid without objection and without discussing the legality of the audit. However there has been opposition to the audit and it still existed. It was the duty of the court to assist the prosecuting attorney to take advantage of the findings to the good of the county.

Here, details of the matters involving the retiring county clerk, treasurer and recorder were entered into. The items that had been paid were not discussed but there were several items questioned. Whatever shortage there was, however, was shown to have been made through ignorance as the bills had been presented openly to the county court which had allowed them and the overpaying of fees, etc., was shown to be due to a lack of knowledge of the law.

One item shown was where in ex-county clerk's C. C. Parks office there had been a mistake in addition and the sum involved was \$271 which was repaid the county through the auditor's office after the audit was made and the mistake shown.

There was a dispute of the payment of former Recorder James Wayland in the matter of copying old records when the court allowed 10 cents per 100 words while the statute allowed 8 cents per 100 words. This bill seems to have been O. K.'d by the county court as had the other accounts when the report of the officers were received and filed.

The matter of about \$450 for merchant's tax, which John Shannon had failed to collect while in office was charged against Mr. Shannon by the auditor. There was an opinion the attorney general filed with which indicated that the attorney general doubted if Mr.

Shannon was liable for this amount. The auditor however said he thought he was and returned his report together with the opinion of the attorney general.

McKittrick then said that his first belief was that there had been mistakes made in office and he said he still thought so and the report indicated he was right. He believed the audit ought to be made every four years. He said that a large number of things had not been done according to law and he thought the statutes were made for the court and officers and that the officers and court should be glad to know of their provision. Here an attorney asked McKittrick "what were some of the things that had not been done according to law". McKittrick turned around and said that there had not been a bridge repaired in years that had been repaired in the way that it should have been from the legal standpoint. There was no further debate of that subject. He ended by saying that it has been shown that mistakes had been made costing the county an average of \$1000 per year and that there seemed to be men who still wanted these mistakes to continue.

During the morning there were talks made by several different attorneys and Judge Rucker ended the morning session by giving a talk of half an hour. The court then received and filed the report of the auditors and the court will place before the attorney general the several cases where it is alleged in the report that money is due the county, to see if his opinion is that it can be collected. The court will then make further orders on the report.

### THE REPORT

A brief of the auditor's report follows, there being no attempt here to explain some items that might be explained, or otherwise. The effort is made below to give the items just as the auditor reported them to give the items just as the auditor reported them to the court.

In the case of W. L. Wright, former circuit clerk, the auditor reported the following items:

Due state—Excess in partition suits, etc. erroneously paid clerk by sheriffs, etc. \$400.20.

Criminal costs paid by state and transferred to county when due state \$109.25.

Due county—Amount received from county for deputy hire which should be paid from fees \$322.00.

Amount received for waiting on county court \$18.00.

Uncalled for fees \$33.10.

Stenographer fees due county which should have been collected by clerk but which he failed to collect \$80.00.

In the Wayland case the auditor found that the county had overpaid Wayland the sum of \$670.58 for copying some old records. He was paid \$1575.00 at the rate of 10 cents per word when the legal rate is 8 cents per 100 words. Also, the clerk failed to attach the seal of his office to the copied records.

In the Shannon case the auditor reported \$468.11 due for delinquent merchants' taxes which had not been collected and for

### Salisbury Did Celebrate

Of course it was thot that there would be a very small crowd out to see the big things put on Saturday on account of the amount of farm work which had to be done between showers but when the day had fairly opened and the people began pouring in from every direction, some of the sleepy ones waked up and took notice that it was time to get busy with big preparations to entertain, and they did that very thing.

The big attraction was the double parachute leap from a balloon, and it was all claimed for it in advance. Perhaps no finer ascension or descent by parachute has ever been seen in the county, many quite ready to faint when the yap dropped from the first parachute and appeared to be falling.

The ball game was the next thing until it was pulled off two times the same way. The least said the better and Sunday's game should not be mentioned in polite society, all three betwixt and between the same aggregations or rather, conglomerations.

Every number on the big and attractive program was given just as advertised and if ever a big crowd had a good time at our eastern suburb, it was then and there. The Roanoke band was in fine form and pleased everyone with an abundance of good music. Where all the very handsome young women and beautiful girls came from that assembled at this city, Salisbury and Marceline Saturday, is a puzzle, but the cities were full of them and the boys simply acted like a roguish rooster in a neighboring pen—didn't know where to pick first nor even cackle.

The number of automobiles in this city and Salisbury owned and driven by farmers to the celebrations Saturday, indicated the progressive and prosperous condition of those who are sure entitled to such luxuries. When the day was over and the crowd began to move homewards it appeared as if there were two autos to one carriage going to the country and the occupants were not only up-to-date in this particular, but in every other respect. Verily the day has past when recreation from labor is thot to be sprawling under the unbragous shadow of some tree in the yard and snoozing between slaps at pestiferous flies. Varity is not only the spice of life but it is also lifes chief inspiration and prevents rust.

The hustling business men of Salisbury are congratulated heartily on the entertainment they gave their patrons and all others who were present at the celebration there Saturday, and we venture that not one but who fully appreciates the effort and the success.

### Drew—Johnson

Wilburn Drew and Miss Cora Johnson both of this city were married here in Keytesville Saturday July 3 by Justice Edwards. Mr. Drew is a man of good and industrious habits and his bride is a worthy young lady and is well fitted for to make him a happy help mate. His bride is also a young lady of this town and is held in high esteem by many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Drew will make their home with his parents for this summer. And in honor of the newlyweds an ice cream supper was given by his sister Mrs. Louis Huss of this city Sunday night.

Miss Helene Jennings of Brunswick spent last Saturday here being a guest at the wedding of W. H. Flowers and Miss Idress Wallace.

## HORSE WAS STOLEN

Local Man Takes Animal from Hitchrack and Goes to Ball Game.

Harvey Knott and Dysart Twyman of Prairie Hill hired a rig at the John N. Cooper barn at Salisbury last Sunday and joyously drove to Keytesville. Their hearts were light as they westward "hoed" to visit friends. They got here, hitched their horse and then, came the trouble.

About three o'clock they hitched the horse to the hitchrack in front of the Tippet shop. About half an hour later, Doc Mason came along, inebriated, and drove the horse away. He went to a ball game at Guthridge Mill, galloping the horse part of the way, according to the evidence. After the game he decided to go home with friends and left the horse in the road. A Mr. Sommerfeld saw the horse in the road, unhitched it and placed it in the Jackson pasture awaiting the owner's coming as the horse was much fatigued.

In town, two young men went for the horse about 5:30 p. m. and found it not. They called the sheriff and notified Cooper. Cooper and his son came over and with the sheriff started after the horse and also Doc, who was at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs. Jim Mason. The sheriff placed Doc under arrest and Monday morning, a warrant for stealing the horse and rig was sworn out by Cooper against Mason and his preliminary hearing set for Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m. Mason was released on \$500 bond signed by John D. Taylor.

Later, it seems that Mason went to Moberly from here and the bondsman got a little worried and with the sheriff went to look over the ground. They found at Moberly that Doc had bought a ticket for Kansas City and they telegraphed to Kansas City and had him restrained there until Sheriff Hurt could get there. Mason had been drinking heavily at the time the act was committed. The sheriff got Mason at Kansas City and placed him in jail here to await the preliminary.

Mason was fined \$50 and costs in Justice Edwards' court Wednesday. The collection was suspended on his promise to not be drunk here in the next six months.

### Odd Fellows Install

Monday night, at Odd Fellows hall, occurred the installation of the elective and appointive officers of the local lodge of Odd Fellows. The installation was conducted by the deputy grand master, A. L. Friesz. The officers installed are:

N. G.—W. F. Johnson.  
V. G.—N. B. Webster.  
Secretary—M. S. Walther.  
Treasurer—M. W. Anderson.  
Warden—J. R. Closson.  
Conductor—E. R. Carlstead.  
O. G.—J. C. T. Kubo.  
I. G.—A. V. Simmon.  
Chaplain—W. L. Wright.  
R. S. N. G.—W. H. Burns.  
L. S. N. G.—J. A. Friesz.  
R. S. V. G.—J. W. Taylor.  
L. S. V. G.—O. A. Hocker.  
The scene supporter is to be appointed at the next session.

### Postmasters Salaries Raised

Sixty-seven Missouri postmasters were gladdened by a raise of \$100 per annum of their salaries Tuesday. The office here now pays \$1600.

L. O. White will not go fishing this trip, with the boys.

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